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A Check List of Vascular Plants,
Keystone Canyon, New York Mountains,
Mojave Desert

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The transect for Keystone Canyon ascends from 4920 feet at the intersection of Ivanpah Rd. and the road to Keystone Canyon, up through Keystone Canyon to 7150 feet at the crest of the New York Mountains above the Copper Queen Mine. A short branch was made from this transect to include the Keystone Springs. This area is highlighted in yellow on the following maps.

The following three plant communities are intersected by this transect.

Joshua tree woodland occurs below 5200 feet and is characterized by Yucca brevifolia jaegeriana, Juniperus osteosperma, Berberis haematocarpa, Ambrosia eriocentra, Gutierrezia microcephala, Hymenoclea salsola, Ephedra nevadensis, Psilostrophe cooperi, Lepidium montanum, Opuntia acanthocarpa, Krameria parvifolia imparata, Sphaeralcea ambigua, Eriogonum inflatum, E. deflexum, Prunus fasciculata, Oryzopsis hymenoides, Hymenoxys acaulis, and Leucelene ericoides.

Pinyon-juniper scrubland occurs between 5200 and 5450 feet. This is a very open form of the pinyon-juniper woodland, and it forms more of a scrubland with widely spaced trees than a woodland. It is characterized by Pinus monophylla monophylla, Juniperus osteosperma, Prunus fasciculata, Opuntia acanthocarpa, O. phaeacantha, Salvia dorrii, Eriogonum fasciculatum polifolium, Yucca baccata, Gutierrezia microcephala, Atriplex canescens, Fallugia paradoxa, Haplopappus linearifolius, etc.

Pinyon-oak woodland occurs above 5450 feet and is characterized by Pinus monophylla monophylla (lower elevations), Pinus monophylla diphylla (higher elevations), Quercus turbinella, Q. chrysolepis, Garrya flavescens flavescens, Eriogonum wrightii, Ceanothus greggii vestitus, Juniperus osteosperma (fades out at higher elevations), Artemisia nova, Opuntia erinacea ursina, Heuchera rubescens pachypoda, Yucca baccata, Poa fendleriana, Sitanion longifolium, Galium munzii, Gutierrezia sarothrae, Chrysothamnus depressus, and Holodiscus microphyllus.

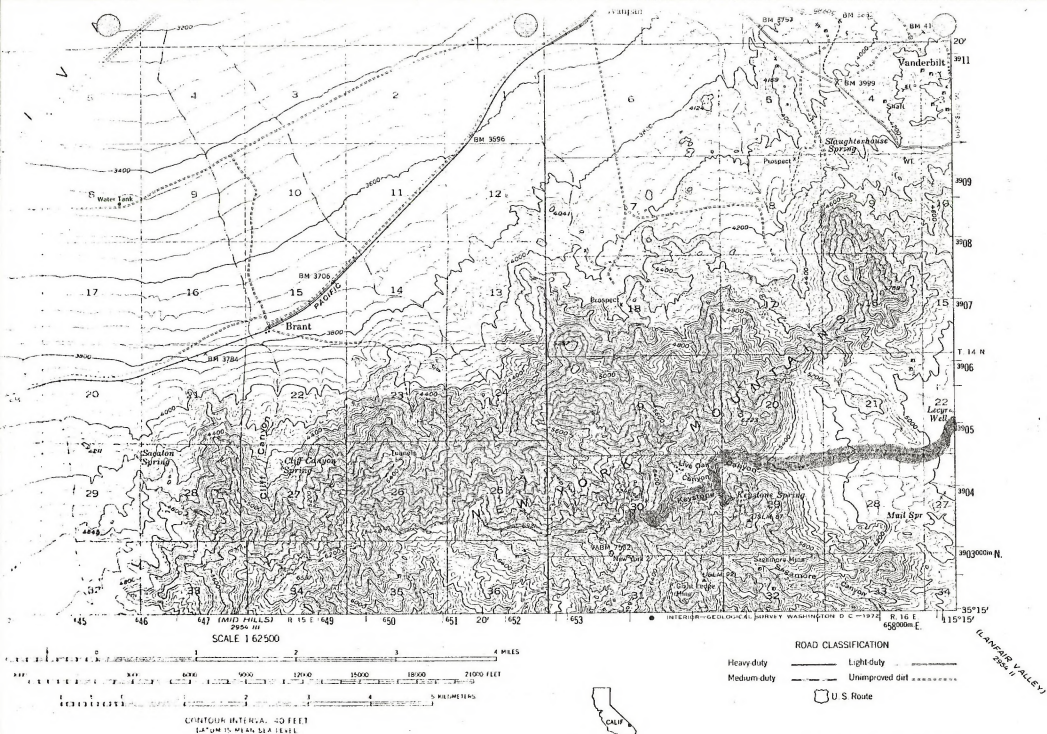
Data presented are based on field collections and observations made in May, 1978 and June, 1979, an herbarium search, and on information gleaned from the personal records of James Henrickson, California State University at Los Angeles, and of Robert Thorne, Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden. Also, MacNeill et al.* was consulted for information on ferns. Specimens collected for this project will be deposited with Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden and the California Desert Plan Program of the Bureau of Land Management. Frequency data were determined by qualitative observations and are based on the following scale.

- 1 = Rare
- 2 = Infrequent
- 3 = Frequent
- 4 = Common
- 5 = Very Common

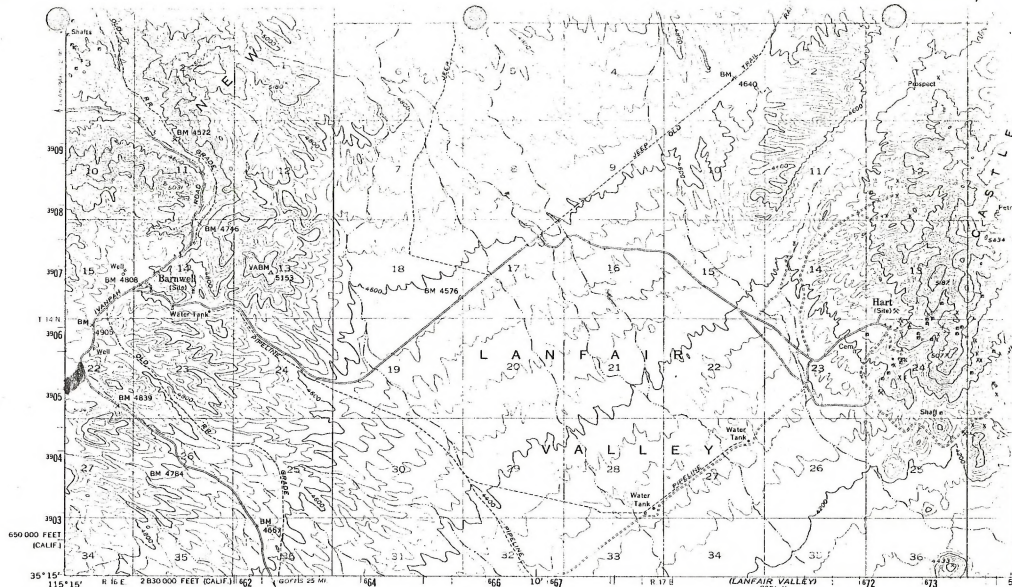
In cases where frequency data are uncertain, elevation is indicated by an 'X', and where elevation data are uncertain, neither elevation nor frequency data are listed.

*MacNeill, C. Don, William Brophy, and Alan R. Smith. 1978.¹ Ferns of the New York Mountains, California, with biogeographic comments. Madroño 25: 54-57.





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Topography from aerial photographs by multiplex methods
Aerial photographs taken 1954. Advance field check 1956

Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000 foot grid based on California coordinate system, zone 5,
and Nevada coordinate system, east zone

1000 meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 11, are shown in blue

Dashed land lines indicate approximate locations

Unchecked elevations are shown in brown



UTM GRID AND 1956 MAGNETIC NORTH
DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET



CONTOUR INTERVAL 40 FEET
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

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Elevation/Frequency (1 = rare: 5 = very common)

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Pinus monophylla Torr. & Frem. ssp. *diphylla*

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48-:52-:56-:60-:64-:68-:72-: (X 100
 -52-:56-:60-:64-:68-:72-:76: feet)

Pinus monophylla Torr. & Frem. ssp. *monophylla*

GNETAÆ

EPHEDRACEAE. Ephedra Family

Ephedra nevadensis Wats.

Ephedra viridis Cov.

ANGIOSPERMAE

DICOTYLEDONEAE

ANACARDIACEAE. Sumac Family

Rhus trilobata Nutt. ex T. & G. var. *anisophylla* (Greene) Jeps.

APIACEAE. Carrot Family

Cymopterus multinervatus (Coul. & Rose) Tides.

Cymopterus purpurascens (Gray) Jones

Lomatium nevadense (Wats.) Coul. & Rose
 var. *pseudorientale* (Jones) Munz.

Lomatium parryi (Wats.) MacBr.

ASCLEPIADACEAE. Milkweed Family

Asclepias asperula (Dene.) Woodson.

Asclepias erosa Torr. Desert milkweed

ASTERACEAE. Sunflower Family

Ageratina herbacea (Gray) King & Robbins

Ambrosia eriocentra (Gray) Payne.

Artemisia bigelovii Gray in Torr.

Artemisia ludoviciana Nutt. ssp. *incompacta* (Nutt.) Keck

Artemisia nova A. Nels. Dwarf sagebrush.

Baccharis sergiloides Gray. Squaw waterweed.

Baileya multiradiata Harv. & Gray. Desert-marigold.

Baileya pleniradiata Harv. & Gray.

Brickellia californica (T. & G.) Gray.

Brickellia oblongifolia Nutt. var. *linifolia* (D. C. Eat.) Rob.

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Chrysothamnus depressus Nutt. Rabbit bush.
Cirsium neomexicanum Gray. Thistle.
Cirsium nidulum (Jones) Petr.
Encelia virginensis A. Nels. ssp. *virginensis*.
Erigeron divergens T. & G.
Erigeron pumilus Nutt. ssp. *concinoides* Cronq. Fleabane.
Eriophyllum wallacei Gray. Wallace's wooly daisy.
Gutierrezia microcephala (DC.) Gray. Matchweed, broom weed.
Gutierrezia sarothrae (Pursh) Britt. & Rusby.
Haplopappus cooperi (Gray) Hall. Goldenbush.
Haplopappus cuneatus Gray.
Haplopappus gracilis (Nutt.) Gray.
Haplopappus linearifolius DC. ssp. *interior* Hall.
Hymenoclea salsola T. & G. var. *salsola*. Burrobush, hopsage.
Hymenopappus filifolius Hook var. *eriopodus* (Nels.) Turner.
Hymenoxys acaulis (Pursh) Parker var. *arizonica* (Greene) Parker.
Hymenoxys cooperi (Gray) Ckle. var. *cooperi*.
Leucelene ericoides (Torr.) Greene. Rose-heath, white aster.
Machaeranthera canescens (Pursh) Gray ssp. *canescens*.
Petradoria pumila (Nutt.) Greene. Rock goldenrod.
Psilostrophe cooperi (Gray) Greene. Paperflower.
Sanvitalia abertii Gray.
Senecio douglasii DC. var. *monoensis* (Greene) Jeps.
Senecio multilobatus T. & G.
Solidago californica Nutt.
Solidago confinis Gray.
Solidago spectabilis (D. C. Eat.) Gray
Stephanomeria parryi Gray
Syntrichopappus fremontii Gray.

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Viguiera multiflora (Nutt.) Blake var. *nevadensis* (A. Nels.) Blake.

BERBERIDACEAE

Berberis haematocarpa Woot.

BORAGINACEAE. Borage Family

Amsinokia tessellata Gray.

Cryptantha barbigera (Gray) Greene.

Cryptantha circumscissa (H. & A.) Jtn.

Cryptantha flavoculata (Nels.) Pays.

Cryptantha gracilis Osterh.

Cryptantha pterocarya (Torr.) Greene.

Cryptantha tumulosa (Pays.) Pays.

Lithospermum incisum Lehm.

Pectocarya setosa Gray.

BRASSICACEAE. Mustard Family

Arabis perennans Wats.

Arabis pulchra Jones var. *gracilis* Jones. Rock-cress.

Caulanthus major (Jones) Pays.

Descurainia pinnata (Walt.) Brit. ssp. *menziesii* (DC.) Detl.

Draba cuneifolia Nutt. ex T. & G. var. *cuneifolia*.

Lepidium montanum Nutt. ssp. *cinereum* (C. L. Hitchc.) C. L. Hitchc.

Lesquerella kingii Wats. ssp. *kingii*. Bladder pod.

Stanleya pinnata (Pursh) Britton ssp. *pinnata*. Prince's plume.

Streptanthella longirostris (Wats.) Rydb.

Thysanocarpus curvipes Hook var. *eradiatus* Jeps. Lace-pod.

Thysanocarpus laciniatus Nutt. ex T. & G. var. *laciniatus*

CACTACEAE. Cactus Family

Coryphantha vivipara (Nutt.) Britt. & Rose var. *rosea* (Clokey) L. Benson

Echinocereus engelmannii (Parry) Lem. var. *chrysocentrus* (Engelm. & Bigel.) Engelm. ex Rumpler. Hedgehog cactus.

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Echinocereus triglochidiatus Engelm. var. *mohavensis* (Engelm. & Bigel.) L. Benson.

Opuntia acanthocarpa Engelm. & Bigel. var. *coloradensis* L. Benson.

Opuntia basilaris Engelm. & Bigel. var. *basilaris*. Beaver-tail cactus.

Opuntia chlorotica Engelm. & Bigel. Pancake pear.

Opuntia erinacea Engelm. & Bigel. var. *ursina* (A. Weber) Parish.

Opuntia phaeacantha Engelm.

CAPRIFOLIACEAE. Honeysuckle Family

Symphoricarpos longiflorus Gray. Snowberry.

CARYOPHYLLACEAE. Pink Family

Arenaria (near *aculeata* Wats.)

Arenaria macradenia Wats. var. *parishiorum* Rob. Mojave sandwort.

Silene antirrhina L. Catchfly.

CHENOPODIACEAE. Goosefoot Family

Atriplex canescens (Pursh) Nutt. ssp. *canescens*. Four-winged Saltbush.

Ceratoides lanatum (Pursh) Howell. Winter Fat.

Chenopodium fremontii Wats.

Chenopodium incanum Heller.

**Salsola iberica* Sennen. & Pau. Russian-thistle.

CROSSOSOMATAACEAE

Forsellesia nevadensis (Gray) Greene.

EUPHORBIACEAE. Spurge Family

Euphorbia albomarginata T. & G. Rattlesnake weed.

Euphorbia fendleri T. & G.

FABACEAE. Pea Family

Astragalus lentiginosus Dougl. var. *fremontii* (Gray) Wats.

Astragalus newberryi Gray. Woolly pod.

Astragalus nutans Jones.

Hoffmannseggia densiflora Benth. ex Gray

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Lotus tomentellus Greene.
Lupinus brevicaulis Wats.
Petalostemon searlsiae Gray
FAGACEAE. Beech Family
Quercus chrysolepis Liebm.
Quercus turbinella Greene ssp. *turbinella*.
GARRYACEAE. Silk-Tassel Family
Garrya flavescens Wats. ssp. *flavescens*. Silk-tassel bush.
GENTIANACEAE. Gentian Family
Frasera albomarginata Wats. Green gentian.
GERANIACEAE. Geranium Family
**Erodium cicutarium* (L.) L'Her. Storksbill.
HYDROPHYLLACEAE. Waterleaf Family
Eriodictyon angustifolium Nutt.
Phacelia affinis Gray.
Phacelia fremontii Torr. Yellow throats.
Phacelia lemmonii Gray.
KRAMERIACEAE. Krameria Family
Krameria parvifolia Benth. var. *imparata* MacBr.
LAMIACEAE. Mint Family
Hedeoma nanum (Torr.) Erig. ssp. *californicum* W. S. Stewart.
Salazaria mexicana Torr. Bladder sage.
Salvia dorrii (Kell.) Abrams ssp. *dorrii*. Blue sage.
Salvia pachyphylla Epl. ex Munz.
LINACEAE. Flax Family
Linum lewissii Pursh. Flax.
Linum puberulum (Engelm.) Heller.
MALVACEAE. Mallow Family
Sphaeralcea ambigua Gray ssp. *monticola* Kearn. Globe-mallow.

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NYCTAGINACEAE. Four-O'Clock Family

- Abronia nana Wats. ssp. covillei (Heimerl.) Munz.
Mirabilis froebelii (Behr) Greene var. glabrata (Standl.) Jeps.
Oxybaphus comatus (Small) Weath.

OLEACEAE. Olive Family

- Fraxinus anomala Torr. Dwarf ash.
Menodora scabra Gray

ONAGRACEAE. Evening-Primrose Family

- Epilobium canum (Greene) Raven ssp. garrettii (A. Nels.) Raven
[Zauschneria garrettii A. Nels.]
Gaura coccinea (Nutt.) Pursh.
Oenothera avita Klein ssp. avita
Oenothera caespitosa Nutt. var. marginata (Nutt.) Munz. Evening
primrose.
Oenothera longissima Rydb. ssp. clutei (A. Nels.) Munz
Oenothera primiveris Gray ssp. primiveris.

OROBANCHACEAE. Broom-rape Family

- Orobanche fasciculata Nutt. var. lutea (Parry) Achey.
Orobanche multiflora Nutt. var. arenosa (Suksd.) Munz.

PAPAVACEAE. Poppy Family

- Eschscholtzia glyptosperma Greene. Mojave poppy.

PLANTAGINACEAE. Plantain Family

- Plantago purshii R. & S. var. oblonga (Morris) Shinners.

POLEMONIACEAE. Phlox Family

- Eriastrum eremicum (Jeps.) Mason.
Gilia ophthalmoides Brand.
Ipomopsis aggregata (Pursh) V. Grant ssp. arizonica
(Greene) V. & A. Grant. Scarlet-gilia, skyrocket.
Leptodactylon pungens (Torr.) Rydb. ssp. hallii (Parish) Mason.
Linanthus bigelovii (Gray) Greene

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Phlox viridis E. Nels. ssp. *compacta* (Brand) Wherry.

POLYGALACEAE

Polygala acanthoclada Gray

POLYGONACEAE. Buckwheat Family

Eriogonum deflexum Torr. ssp. *deflexum*. Skeleton weed.

Eriogonum fasciculatum Benth. ssp. *polifolium* (Benth.) Stokes.
California buckwheat.

Eriogonum heermannii Dur. & Hilg. ssp. *argense* (Jones) Munz

Eriogonum heermannii Dur. & Hilg. ssp. *floccosum* (Munz) Munz.

Eriogonum inflatum Torr. & Frem. var. *inflatum*. Desert trumpet.

Eriogonum maculatum Heller.

Eriogonum microthecum Nutt. var. *foliosum* (Torr.) Reveal.
Great Basin Buckwheat.

Eriogonum palmerianum Reveal in Munz

Eriogonum panamintense Morton ssp. *panamintense*.

Eriogonum umbellatum Torr. ex Benth. ssp. *subaridum* (Stokes) Munz

Eriogonum wrightii Torr. ex Benth. ssp. *wrightii*

PORTULACACEAE. Purslane Family

Portulaca mundula Jtn.

RANUNCULACEAE. Crowfoot Family

Aquilegia shockleyi Eastw. Columbine.

Delphinium parishii Gray ssp. *parishii*. Larkspur.

RHAMNACEAE. Buckthorn Family

Ceanothus greggii Gray var. *vestitus* Greene

Rhamnus californica Esch. ssp. *ursina* (Greene) C. B. Wolf.
Coffee Berry.

Rhamnus ilicifolia Kell.

ROSACEAE. Rose Family

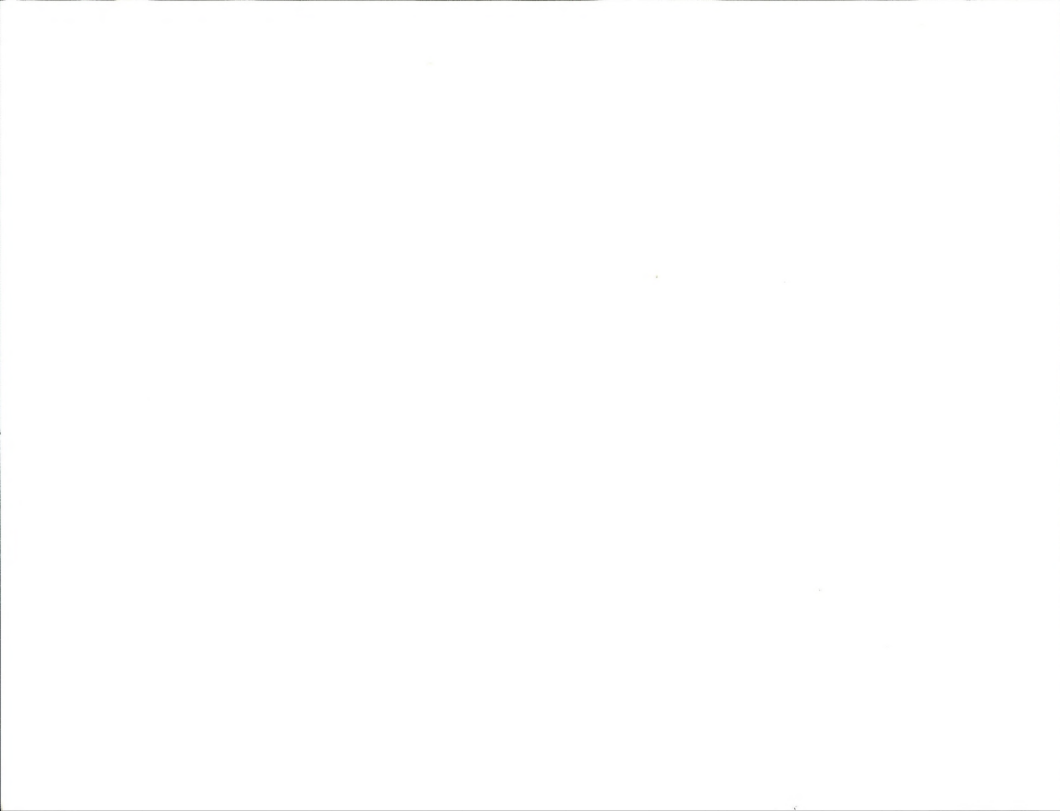
Amelanchier utahensis Koehne ssp. *covillei* (Standl) Clokey

Cercocarpus intricatus Wats. Mt-mahogany.

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SOLANACEAE. Nightshade Family



Lycium andersonii Gray. Box-thorn.

Lycium cooperi Gray.

Physalis crassifolia Benth. var. *crassifolia*. Ground cherry.

VERBENACEAE. Vervain Family

Verbena gooddingii Briq. Verbena.

VISACEAE. Mistletoe Family

Arceuthobium divaricatum Engelm.

Phoradendron juniperinum Engelm. ex Gray ssp. *juniperinum*.

ZYGOPHYLLACEAE. Caltrop Family

**Tribulus terrestris* L. Caltrop, puncture vine.

MONOCOTYLEDONEAE

AGAVACEAE. Agave Family

Yucca baccata Torr. var. *baccata*. Banana Yucca.

Yucca brevifolia Engelm. in Wats. var. *jaegeriana* McKelvey. Joshua tree.

CYPERACEAE. Sedge Family

Carex alma Bailey.

Carex aurea Nutt.

Carex fracta Mack

Carex brevipes W. Boott.

Carex subfusca W. Boott.

Eleocharis parishii Britton.

JUNCACEAE. Rush Family

Juncus macrophyllus Cov.

Juncus torreyi Cov.

Juncus xiphioides E. Mey.

POACEAE. Grass Family

Agrostis semiverticillatus (Forsk) C. Chr.

Aristida glauca (Nees.) Walp. Triple-awned grass.

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Aristida fendleriana Steud.
 Bouteloua curtipendula (Michx.) Torr. Side-oats.
 Bouteloua eriopoda Torr.
 Bouteloua gracilis (Willd. ex HBK.) Lag.
 *Bromus arenarius Labill.
 *Bromus rubens L. Foxtail chess.
 *Bromus tectorum L. Cheat grass, downy brome.
 Elymus salinus Jones. Rye grass.
 Erioneuron pulchellum (HBK.) Tateoka. Fluffgrass.
 Hilaria jamesii (Torr.) Benth. Galleta.
 Hilaria rigida (Thurb.) Benth. ex Scribn.
 Melica imperfecta Trin.
 Muhlenbergia asperifolia (Nees. & Mey) Parodi
 Muhlenbergia porteri Scribn.
 Oryzopsis hymenoides (R. & S.) Ricker. Ricegrass.
 Poa fendleriana (Steud.) Vasey.
 *Polypogon monspeliensis (L.) Desf. Beardgrass.
 Sitanion longifolium J. G. Sm.
 Sporobolus cryptandrus (Torr.) Gray.
 Stipa comata Trin & Rupr.
 Stipa coronata Thurb. in Wats. var. depauperata (Jones) Hitchc.
 Stipa speciosa Trin. & Rupr.
 Tridens muticus (Torr.) Nash.

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